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National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide initiative sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies. National Preparedness Month calls for an increased focus on community, business, and family preparedness and encourages individuals to develop emergency plans for natural and man-made disasters. To assist in preparedness planning, *LLIS.gov* has created a [National Preparedness Month](#) page to share important information about volunteer initiatives, continuity of operations plans, and private-public partnerships. For more information on how to get involved in National Preparedness Month, see www.ready.gov and www.citizencorps.gov.

LLIS.gov is also collecting input from various emergency response and homeland security sources on issues relating to community, business, and family preparedness. Help *LLIS.gov* by providing us with your comments, experiences, and observations. Please log onto *LLIS.gov* to submit lessons learned, reports, and other documents, or email us your comments, observations, and experiences at nationalprepmo@llis.dhs.gov.

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Hurricane Preparedness and Response

New After-Action Reports from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and from Gulf Region Exercises

[Hurricanes Katrina and Rita: After-Action Report and Improvement Plan](#)

(DHS Office of Grants & Training, Apr 2006)

[Region IV Hurricane Preparedness Tabletop Exercise, May 31 through June 2, 2006: After-Action Report](#)

(DHS Office of Grants & Training, 2 Jun 2006)

[Region VI Hurricane Preparedness Tabletop Exercise, May 17 and 18, 2006: After-Action Report](#)

(DHS Office of Grants & Training, 18 May 2006)

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Mass Evacuation

Updates to the *LLIS.gov* Mass Evacuation Page

LLIS.gov regularly updates the [Mass Evacuation](#) page with recent news and newly published mass

evacuation-related documents. To date, the *LLIS.gov* team has compiled over 100 planning documents and after-action reports from numerous states and local jurisdictions around the country. To [share your jurisdiction's mass evacuation documents](#) with the rest of the *LLIS.gov* community, submit your documents to the system using the feedback tool, or [email *LLIS.gov*](#) with comments, experiences, and observations.

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Wildland Fire Lessons Learned

Updates to the *LLIS.gov* Wildland Fire Lessons Learned Page

Each week, *LLIS.gov* updates the [Wildland Fire Lessons Learned](#) page with news and documents for the wildland fire community around the country. Log onto *LLIS.gov* each week to see what's new with [Wildland Fire](#) preparedness and response planning.

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New Original Content Posted Since Last Newsletter

The *LLIS.gov* Team continues to post new Lessons Learned, Best Practices, and Good Stories to the system on a regular basis. Updates about new original content can be found in the "What's New" section on the homepage of *LLIS.gov*. Since the last newsletter, *LLIS.gov* has posted the following original content:

Lessons Learned

- [Disaster Medical Assistance Teams: Carrying a Stock of Commonly Used Medications during Reconnaissance Rounds](#) (*PA-1 DMAT Strike Team Hurricane Katrina After Action Report, 2005*)
Disaster Medical Assistance Teams should carry a stock of commonly used medications in a sizable case during reconnaissance rounds. Doing so will help expedite on-site medical care of displaced victims after a disaster or other large-scale incident.
- [Disaster Medical Assistance Teams: Prearranging Medical Visits at Shelters after a Disaster](#) (*PA-1 DMAT Strike Team Hurricane Katrina After Action Report, 2005*)
Disaster Medical Assistance Teams should prearrange medical visits at shelters after a disaster or other catastrophic incident. Informing victims requiring medical attention of DMAT visits in advance can increase patient attendance.
- [Emergency Management: Developing a Contact List of Subject-Matter Experts](#) (*Iowa District Four After-Action Report: Multi-County Functional Exercise 2005*)
Prior to an incident, emergency managers should develop a contact list for different types of subject-matter experts (SMEs) to consult during emergencies. These contact lists should be updated regularly and included in emergency operations center (EOC) standard procedures and other materials. Additionally, SMEs should be included in exercises to familiarize them with EOC activities and staff.
- [Exercise Evaluation: Communication for Control Staff](#) (*Pierce County, WA Exercise – Cascade Resolve 05: After Action Report and Improvement Plan, 2005*)
During full-scale exercises, exercise control staff should be provided with a centralized communications network, such as hand-held radios. The selected communication system should have the following attributes: desired range of coverage, sustainable power, and ability to network all relevant personnel.
- [Incident Command: Filling Emergency Medical Services Command Positions](#) (*Rhode Island: The Station Club Fire After-Action Report: State, Local, and Federal Government and the Private Sector*)
Incident commanders should appoint emergency medical services branch leadership positions as soon as possible after a mass casualty incident. Jurisdictions should establish a mass casualty plan that identifies the order in which these positions should be filled at the onset of incident response operations.
- [Mass Casualty Incidents: Implementing a Standard Triage Process](#) (*Rhode Island: The Station Club Fire After-Action Report: State, Local, and Federal Government and the Private Sector*)

Incident Commanders should assign an adequate number of qualified personnel to implement a standard triage process as soon as possible after a mass casualty incident.

- **[School Safety: Assembling Emergency Kits](#)** (*Governor Bill Owens's Columbine Review Commission Report 2001*)
School district officials should assemble emergency kits containing up-to-date maps and important information for use during critical incidents. These kits can assist emergency responders in managing incidents at schools with which they are unfamiliar.

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Other New Documents of Interest on *LLIS.gov*

LLIS.gov continues to expand its information repository, housing over 4,000 documents, including after-action reports, emergency operations plans, exercise plans, and other homeland security-related documents. Below is a list of several new documents added to *LLIS.gov* that may be particularly interesting to members.

[The MIPT Terrorism Annual: 2006](#)

(*National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, 18 Aug 2006*)

[Special Edition of the Katrina Index: A One-Year Review of Key Indicators of Recovery in Post-Storm New Orleans](#)

(*Brookings Institution, 1 Aug 2006*)

[International Terrorism: Threat, Policy, and Response](#)

(*Congressional Research Service, 9 Aug 2006*)

[Considering the Effects of a Catastrophic Terrorist Attack](#)

(*RAND Corporation, 1 Aug 2006*)

LLIS.gov relies in large part on its members to add documents to the system's information repository. If you have any documents of interest you would like to share with the member community, please log onto *LLIS.gov* and click on **[FEEDBACK](#)**.

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Upcoming *LLIS.gov* Conference Participation

The *LLIS.gov* team travels around the country speaking and exhibiting at emergency response and homeland security conferences. *LLIS.gov* staff will speak at the following upcoming conferences:

- **19-21 September: Certified in Homeland Security Conference 2006 (Orlando, FL)**
- **27-29 September: Alaska State Fire Fighters/Fire Chiefs Conference (Fairbanks, AK)**
- **27-29 September: Homeland Security Summit (Arlington, VA)**

Look for *LLIS.gov* representatives at any of these conferences to share your comments and questions about the system. Please contact the *LLIS.gov* Outreach Team at outreach@llis.dhs.gov with any questions or comments, or if you have a conference or event at which you would like the *LLIS.gov* team to present or exhibit.

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